

# Atlantic Crossroads

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## Going in'

Senior Airman Nick Sweetman from Lajes Field and Tech. Sgt. Chris Alden from Izmir Air Base carry the HAPSITE, a sampler used to detect chemical warfare agents, during a scenario in the US Air Forces in Europe Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Challenge last week at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. In the challenge, teams from bases all over the command competed in six different scenarios. A combined Lajes-Incirlik team took first place in three of the challenges and won the competition. (Photo by Capt. Leilaní Bush)

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Saturday  
Cloudy with rain  
Hi 66  
Low 59



Sunday  
Partly cloudy  
Hi 64  
Low 59





## Commanders line: *Residents not picking up after pets*

**Concern:** I agree 100 percent with the person whose questions were answered in the April 14 paper, but I feel there is something else that seriously needs to be addressed.

The residents in Beira Mar housing need to be reminded that they are responsible for picking up after their pets.

While walking my own dog over the past few weeks, I have noticed that instead of a few places here and there that may have been left by a stray, there seems to be a pile every few feet along the back road.

I have also seen new residents and new pets being walked near my house where my children play.

I should not have to act as the neighborhood dropping patrol and pick up the area around my house and the nearby playground so that I don't have to worry about them coming home with it all over their shoes or clothes.

We are given the pet policy upon moving into our units and I think all residents should be held accountable if they do not comply. Is there a way to publicize this especially with the summer coming when so many children will be playing outside?

**Response:** The Housing Office has received many complaints like yours about pets.

It seems like some pet owners are not complying with their responsibilities as outlined in the LFI 31-2 and in the Housing Brochure. As outlined in these instructions pets must be under control of the owner at all times. Dogs and cats will be penned in a suitable enclosure, kept in the family quarters or chained within the rear confines of the quarters, not to exceed 20 feet. Pets will not be tied to water spigots, or front/rear entrance doorways nor will they be quartered on housing balconies. Under no circumstances will pets be chained to perimeter fencing.



The maximum number of pets are two per household.

Some pet owners take their dogs out to other people's yards or public areas such as playgrounds, sidewalks and roads and don't clean the pet's droppings. As outlined in the LFI and Housing Brochure pet owners will remove pet droppings immediately from walkways, neighbor's yards and maintained base common areas such as landscapes and playgrounds.

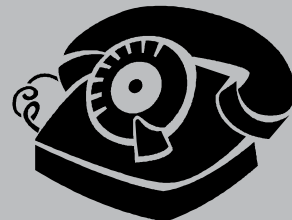
As a community our goal is to maintain good cleaning standards to enhance the quality of life for everyone. Pet owners should all be responsible—if they are walking a pet, they should take along a plastic bag and clean droppings immediately. If you observe someone disobeying their pet owner responsibilities in housing, please contact his or her chain of command.

*The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.*

*Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems -- but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line at 535-4240 or [actionline@lajes.af.mil](mailto:actionline@lajes.af.mil).*

-Col. Robert Winston  
65th Air Base Wing commander

## Straight Talk Line



The number to the Lajes Field Straight Talk Line is 535-3542 or 295-573-542.

This line is updated during emergencies, Force Protection Condition changes and more.

All personnel are encouraged to keep this number for access to important base information.

For more information on the Straight Talk Line, call 535-2369.



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## Airmen on the Internet *Set the right example, both on and off duty*

By Col. Danny Leonard  
65th Air Base Wing vice commander

When is an Airman off duty? I am referring to Airmen of all ranks. When your duty day ends at 1700, do you mentally hang up your BDUs and go home as a civilian? I believe you would agree that the norms and standards of conduct in American society are different than in the Air Force. So do we become one of "them" when we go home at night?

To me at least, the answer is obvious. It seems to be less obvious for some of our younger Airmen these days. We are Airmen 24/7 and we are never really off duty. It doesn't matter if you are at the club at midnight, playing golf on Sunday afternoon, or chatting in an Internet chat room. An officer is still an officer; a senior NCO is still a senior NCO and an Airman is still an Airman.

I mentioned the Internet on purpose. For many of you, you don't know what I'm talking about because you are unaware of the "cyber" culture that is alive and flourishing on the Internet. I can log on to various web services, [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com) seems to be a popular one right now, and easily find 30 web pages that our folks have built for themselves. Various groups have formed specifically to help web-savvy Lajes and Air Force members connect. People trade instant messages, email, and public mes-

sages, share their personal experiences, discuss their social plans or whatever.

Does it matter how you represent yourself on the Internet? I mean, after all, that person you are chatting to or that is reading your web page on [myspace.com](http://myspace.com) may be thousands of miles away and doesn't really know you. So why can't you act like everyone else on the Internet and spice up your life with make-believe acts of bravado and sexual prowess? And of course,

your web page readers will certainly pay more attention if you display yourself in uniform and brag about what you do for the USAF at the same time, right?

In a word, wrong! You cannot use your rank, position, duty title or uniform for personal gain. To do so violates Joint Ethics Regulations among other things, and you could be subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. If your off-duty conduct brings discredit to the Air Force or violates instructions or law, even on the Internet, it can and will affect your career!

Here are a couple of more-or-less fictitious examples of improper conduct in regards to the Internet.

An Airman posts his picture proudly in uniform on his personal web page, attracting attention and "cyber" friends on the Internet. He mentions particulars about his career field in Intel and where he is stationed. Scantly clad ladies populate his web page and he appears popular. He is using his

uniform as a hook for dating, for popularity, or whatever. But what he is really doing is trashing the uniform that I wear, that you wear, that all Airmen wear in front of the Internet-savvy public. Whatever Internet stink he gets on his web page uniform, he is smearing on all of us who wear that uniform. He is also leaving himself open to

"cyber" terrorists who can lure him into illegal activities so as to blackmail him for classified information. You may think that only happens in the movies, but it is a reality of our world today.

In another example, a senior NCO is attracted to a young Airman's picture on her web page and begins sending both public and private messages to the young lady. After all, he is off duty. No one really knows the extent of the relationship he is building. He hopes



his "cyber" friendship will expand to a personal relationship, possibly even sexual. After all, she is very attractive and as long as no one knows, then what does it hurt?

In both of these examples, the offender has checked their uniform at the door when they went home. They are conducting their "off duty" affairs as if their position in the Air Force was a 9 to 5 job. And they are violating the sacred trust assumed when they voluntarily took their oath of service.

There are plenty of examples where our Airmen do the right thing on the Internet and with their web pages. Although you can tell by words or pictures that these Airmen are in the USAF, there is nothing that brings discredit to the service. They know that a picture of themselves in uniform carries the weight of a million men and women in the millions that have gone before them. The uniform is a great source of pride to them and they make sure to only associate the uniform with actions, words and pictures that convey the respect it deserves.

In short, there are plenty of examples of Airmen who realize they are never off duty. They are setting the right example both on and off duty. However, I am disturbed by the trend that I see in the folks that believe what they do off duty has no bearing on the Air Force. We are a culture built on a chain of command, discipline and mutual respect. You do not have the right to break down this culture off duty or via the Internet just because you can.

*It doesn't matter if you are at the club at midnight, playing golf on Sunday afternoon, or chatting in an Internet chat room. An officer is still an officer ... an Airman is still an Airman.*

*-Col. Danny Leonard*



## Chief Master Sgt. McKinley selected as CMSAF #15

WASHINGTON, DC — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley has named Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley to serve as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Chief McKinley will assume his new position on July 1, following the June 30 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. CMSAF Murray's retirement culminates 29 years of service to the Air Force.

"I'm excited to have Chief McKinley take the helm of our enlisted force," said General Moseley. "Chief McKinley is a tremendous leader with an impressive array of expeditionary and combat experiences to help him steer our Airmen and serve as my partner. We were blessed to have a number of exceptionally well-qualified candidates for the position. While the decision was not an easy one, I feel we have the right person to lead our enlisted force during this time of a long war on terrorism, recapitalization and transformation. I look forward to working with him."

Chief McKinley is currently

the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. He originally joined the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, attended college, and reentered the Air Force in 1982. Chief McKinley's career includes various assignments in medical, aircraft maintenance, first sergeant and as the command chief master sergeant at the 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany; 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid, Qatar and 11th Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK.

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF) represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government. The CMSAF serves as a personal advisor to the Air Force Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization, and progress of the enlisted force and their families.



Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley, shown here shaking hands with Airmen, has been selected as the 15th chief master of the Air Force by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. He will replace Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray on July 1, following Chief Murray's retirement June 30. Chief McKinley currently serves as the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. (U.S. Air Force photo)

## Registered nurses saluted

The 65th Medical Group joins the American Nurses Association in celebrating National Nurses Week, which is held May 6-12, every year. The purpose of National Nurses Week is to raise awareness of the value of nursing and help educate the public about the role nurses play in meeting the health care needs of the American people. This year's theme is: "Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion."

In honor of the dedication, commitment, and tireless effort of the nearly 2.7 million registered nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of this nation, the ANA and the 65th MDG are proud to recognize registered nurses everywhere on this particular day for the quality work they provide seven days a week, 365 days a year.

-Courtesy of the 65th Medical Group

## Customer College graduates

Below are the names of the most recent Customer College Bachelors Class graduates from the April 25-27 class:

Valerie Sandoval, 65th Mission Support Group; Luis Moniz, 65th Operations Support Squadron; Airman Jabrail Chapman, 65th Communications Squadron; Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud, 65th Air Base Wing; Staff Sgt. Frances Jordan, 65th Medical Support Squadron; Holly Deering, 65th Mission Support Squadron; Airman Bethany Baldwin, 65th MDSS; Senior Airman Jana Allenwaugh, 65th Services Squadron; Staff Sgt. Thomas Deppa, 65th Contracting Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Jason Logan, 65th CS; Staff Sgt. Michael Buongiorno, 65th MDSS; Staff Sgt. Chris Parodi, 65th CS; and Airman 1st Class Jason Fowler, 65th CS.

Distinguished Graduate: Sergeant Buongiorno



## Everyday Hero



**Isa Garza**

*Editor's Note: In honor of Cinco de Mayo, the Organization of Latin Americans has submitted Isa Garza for this week's Everyday Hero.*

**Name/Rank:** Isa Garza

**Organization:** Organization of Latin Americans

**Duty title:** Great volunteer

**Job description:** Wife, mother, elementary school teacher's aide, high school dance chaperon, school room mother, Best OLA burrito cook, excellent tamale maker

**Hometown:** Laredo, Texas

**Time in the Air Force:** A very long time

**Spouse/children:** Master Sgt. Gabe Garza, Valerie, Gabbie and Lexy

**What's the best aspect of your job?** Teaching, working and laughing with children

**What are your career goals?** Staying healthy and happy and to continue to work as a full time student earning a degree in Elementary education

**Best military experience:** Meeting and travelling with other wonderful Air Force families

**Life goal(s):** Teacher at the elementary school level

**One word to describe you:** Optimistic

**Hobbies:** Cooking, reading and decorating our home

**Favorite food(s):** Mexican foods, especially enchiladas

**Favorite color:** Purple

**Pet peeve:** People who are obnoxious in public

**No one knows:** Gabe and I were high school sweethearts

**When I was growing up, I wanted to be:** A teacher

**The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is:** Place it in the bank, then decide how to best help my family and relatives

## Bio wins USAFE chemical, biological and radiological challenge

By 1st Lt. Mike Hyland  
65th ABW Public Affairs

Members from the 65th Medical Group battled through illness and funding cuts to overcome adverse conditions and win the US Air Forces in Europe Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Challenge held at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, last week.

The team partnered with a short-handed Incirlik squad to overcome several fully-manned teams from the Lakenheath, Aviano, Spangdahlem and Ramstein Air bases.

"Unfortunately, our four-man Lajes team was cut in half," said Capt. Leilani Bush, chief of Bioenvironmental Engineering. She said the Civil Engineer Readiness team member couldn't go at the last minute because of funding, and a second player became ill during the first day of the challenge and had to be moved to the emergency room in Landstuhl. "As a result, Senior Airman Nicholas Sweetman and I combined with the Incirlik team who was also down one member," she said.

The combined team "Lajik," as they called themselves, won the overall challenge and took first place in three of the six scenarios – Chemical Counter Warfare CONOPS, Occupational Environment Health Site Assessment and Suicide Bomber Emergency Response Scenario.

"It was a challenge to plug new members in at the last moment, but overall they became a real asset," Airman Sweetman said.

Captain Bush said although the scenarios play out for several hours, the intensity of each situation condensed the teams' perception of time.

"The three hour scenarios went by like they were 20 minutes. You're in a stressful situation and you have to make appropriate risk recommendations under a

time crunch, so the scenarios were very difficult," she said.

Master Sgt. Doug Fritts was the third Bio Flight member to make the trip, but ended up being put on quarters for two days because of illness. Sergeant Fritts still helped the team despite his condition and was recognized in the end for his exemplary support during the challenge, according to Captain Bush.

Sergeant Fritts became part of the cadre and helped evaluate the scenarios and assisted planners on coordination of equipment requirements.

"I hated being sidelined; this is the one part of our job that I really enjoy," he said. "There is no better feeling than to be suited up – getting that adrenaline rush and responding to an incident. I knew our team would do well because we all train hard and appreciate what we do. Everyone on our Lajes team is more than capable of handling any emergency situation that they might encounter."

In the end, perseverance and prior training paid off for the Lajes/Incirlik team.

"I was extremely satisfied to see our hard work and previous training pay off with a huge victory. We left with a two-man team from Lajes, mixed in three strangers and blew the competition away," Airman Sweetman said.

Captain Bush said her team performed exceptionally, but the opposing teams competed very well and the Lajes/Incirlik win was decided by a small margin.

She added that the Lajes win was significant because they often have difficulty competing with the larger bases like Ramstein, Lakenheath and Aviano due to those bases having more exercise and training opportunities.



*Capt. Leilani Bush, chief of Bioenvironmental Engineering at Lajes, anticipates an Alarm Black during the chemical Counter Warfare Scenario. (Photo by Capt. Dan Shaw, Air Force Institute for Occupational Health)*



## PCS time

### TMO offers Summer season household good tips

By Staff Sgt. Natalie Ishmael  
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The "busy season" is approaching quickly. Here are a few tips that could help get household goods moved on the date you want.

- Make arrangements to ship household goods when you have receipt of your PCS orders. The desired time is 30 – 45 days prior to the date you want your property picked up.

- Have an ideal date of when you want your property picked up. You will be asked to select your pack and pick up dates. Keep in mind property will be picked up Monday – Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., not including American or Portuguese Holidays. During the summer season, have alternate dates if the first date is not available.

- Do not schedule a pick up date on the same day and if you are not going to be available to stay home all day. If you have to turn in keys, housing inspection or if you have FMO picked up on the date of your pack or pick up date. If you are not going to be available, you need to ensure someone else can be there in your absence. They will need an informal letter of authority or a Power of Attorney authorizing them to sign documentation and ship your household goods.

- Know your weight entitlement. It is established under provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation and is the maximum weight you can move at government expense. This allowance includes the weight of all shipments you are moving under one set of orders.

- Don't ship small, extremely valuable items such as stocks, bonds, jewelry, coins or collections of coins, or items of great sentimental value. Pack them in your suitcase or hand carry them.

- Have expensive and valuable items appraised. The government will not pay for the appraisals, but consider this part of your investment in the event of loss or damage.

- Use a video camera to take close-up pictures to record the condition of your furniture and to show what your expensive and valuable items look like prior to packing. This will allow you to show the item, as it was, if it is lost or damaged



during the shipment.

- Professional Books, Paper and Equipment does not include office, household fixtures, furniture or sports equipment. When required to perform *official* duties the following items are considered professional equipment: reference books, papers, material, instruments, tools and equipment needed by technicians, mechanics, and other professional type equipment. Specialized clothing, such as desert uniforms, flying suits, band uniforms, and other apparel that are not considered to be normal or everyday uniforms (blues, BDU's), communications equipment used in connection with the Military Affiliated Radio System (not personal televisions, or stereo equipment). Individually owned or specially issued field clothing or equipment, official awards and other memorabilia given to a member by a uniformed service, professional society or organization, or a U.S. or foreign government.

- You must give the outbound counselor an estimate of how much professional gear you intend on shipping. The estimate is an official declaration of your intent to ship professional gear. You must also clearly separate the professional gear from the rest of your shipment, so that it is properly marked on your inventory. The movers will place "PBG&E" or "Pro-Books" next to the item numbers.

- Let your counselor know when you plan on arriving at the destination to receive your household goods. This will help in determining a proper delivery date at

destination and avoid any unnecessary temporary storage.

- Remove all personal property from attics, crawl spaces or similar storage areas within the residence. The carrier's personnel are not required to go into areas that are not accessible by permanent stairway, adequately lighted, do not have a finished floor, or if they cannot stand erect in the area.

- Please do not argue with the carrier's representatives. If you have a problem, contact TMO immediately.

- Do not sign anything until you have read and understood the forms. You must have a legible copy of all forms. Never sign a blank or incomplete form.

- At destination keep in mind that if you waive unpacking, the carrier is not required to later unpack or remove the empty cartons. If they agree to come back and pick up boxes, that is between you and the carrier. Waiving unpacking is done on the DD FM 1840 at the time of delivery in block 14b. Waiving unpacking enables the carrier not to complete the job of removing debris and empty cartons from your residence.

These are just a few tips to make your household goods move a smooth one.

Personnel may also access the <http://afmove.hq.af.mil> website for more information. This web site has each Traffic Management Office Listed with their contact phone numbers, as well as a weight estimator and claims information. For more information, call TMO at 535-4213 or 535-4137.

## Family child care will soon be offered here

By Staff Sgt.  
Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs

Family Child Care providers will soon be available here.

There are individuals in the licensing process to become family child care providers in Biera Mar and Nacer del Sol housing and the first home is scheduled to open later this month.

It's been more than five years since there has been an FCC provider at Lajes Field, according to Kimberly Moore, 65th Services Squadron, Family Member Program flight chief.

An FCC program means job opportunities for spouses as well as additional child care options for the base populace.

Currently, there is a waiting list at the child development center for care.

Due to the small size of the CDC here, the only other

option for families with two working parents was hiring a local national nanny.

Additionally, FCC homes are instrumental in the Air Force Aid Society programs here like Volunteer child care, PCS child care and the Give Parents a Break Program.

Jennifer Wickizer, Family Support Center Air Force Aid Society Officer initiated getting FCC homes here when she arrived at Lajes almost two years ago.

"We would advertise programs, but there are only so many spots at the CDC," she said. Last summer parents would come in to get their certificates for 20 hours of PCS care they were entitled to when they arrive and depart from a base, but when many parents went to the CDC there were no openings. "People would come back and ask us why we were advertising a program they couldn't use."

FCC hours of operation may offer more flexibility to meet the needs of military families' schedules than the CDC's set schedule.

In addition, a subsidy program has now made family child care more affordable.

The Air Force subsidy program allows parents to get small group care in a scenario for the same price as the CDC.

"The going rate for a child under the age of two is \$125 a week," said Dr. Moore. With the subsidy, parents pay an FCC provider what they would pay the CDC, and the Air Force will pay the provider the difference.

FCC offers a variety of home care options for children ages 4 weeks to 5th or 6th grade.

Providers are authorized to have six children in their home, with only two being age 2 or younger.

Similar to the CDC, FCC providers use daily routines, planned curriculum and teachable moments to meet the varied needs and interests of children.

The Air Force Aid Society will pay for up to 20 hours per week for volunteers who need child care. Individuals who are within 60 days of arriving to or departing from at Lajes are also eligible for up to 20 hours of child care paid for by the AFAS. Once the FCC homes open, parents can choose the CDC or an FCC home for that care.

A change that personnel will need to be aware of is that once a licensed FCC home opens, individuals who are not licensed may not provide care for more than 10 hours a week for other children in government-owned housing, explained Dr. Moore.

For more information, call Dr. Moore at 295-571-332.

## Lajes Field Quarterly award winners recognized

### 65th ABW/Lajes Field Airman

Senior Airman Joseph Brown, 65th Communications Squadron

### 65 ABW/Lajes Field NCO

Tech. Sgt. William Patrick, 65th CS

### 65 ABW/Lajes Field SNCO

Master Sgt. Wendell Crittenden, 65th Contracting Squadron

### 65 ABW/Lajes Field CGO

Capt. Robert Lance, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

### 65 ABW/Lajes Field CIV CAT I (US)

Maria Van Liere, 65th Services Squadron

### 65 ABW/Lajes Field CIV CAT I (LN)

Jose Pereira, 65th Comptroller Squadron

### 65 ABW/Lajes Field CIV CAT II (US)

John Henry, 65th CES

### 65 ABW/Lajes Field CIV CAT II (LN)

Manuel Maria M. Figueiredo, 65th SVS

### Honor Guard Airman

Airman 1st Class Renardo Sanders, 65th CES

### Volunteer - CIV

Laura Griffiths

### Volunteer - Active Duty

Senior Master Sgt. Cooper Brantley, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

## Open House

**The Lajes Field Community Appreciation Day is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 15.**

**This celebration will be a joint open house in conjunction with the Portuguese Air Force to celebrate 60 years of USAF presence on Terceira.**

**There will be aircraft on static display, live music, food booths and activities for families.**

## Entrada Geral

**O Dia de Apeço à Comunidade do destacamento norte-americano na Base das Lajes terá lugar a 15 de Junho entre as 11H00 e as 17H00.**

**Esta comemoração será feita em conjunto com a Força Aérea Portuguesa para celebrar 60 anos de presença norte-americana na Ilha Terceira**

**Alguns dos eventos incluem exposição estática de aeronaves, música ao vivo, barracas de comidas e actividades para toda a família.**



## Azores archipelago

*Ed highlights each of nine islands finishing with Corvo*



By Ed Lima  
Community Relations  
adviser

*This is the final article in a series of articles on the nine islands which form the Azorean archipelago.*

### Corvo

Just four miles long and 2.5 miles wide, the Island of Corvo is the smallest of the archipelago, with a population of slightly more than 300 people.

This oval-shaped island with gentle slopes was discovered at the same time as Flores, but settled later, about the middle of the 16th century.

Today, as they have always done, the islanders live by farming and fishing in a self-reliant community. The island's only village, Vila Nova do Corvo, is the smallest Portuguese village and probably the most isolated. Typical narrow streets and white stone houses form this picturesque town, which also features a 16th century church built in the Flemish style.

Throughout Corvo's history, the people lived within the town and their numbers have never exceeded 1,000. Legend tells of a time when the population was nearing that magic number, so messages were sent to Flores and other islands requesting Corvo natives temporarily return home. As the population increased, so did expectation, and a festival was planned to

celebrate the glorious moment in the island's history.

But it was not Corvo's fate to enjoy the pleasure of this remarkable happening. At the count of 999, two members of one family were forced to leave the island due to the serious illness of a relative on another island. Afterward, the population slowly decreased and all plans were forgotten.

Besides Vila Nova do Corvo, visitors can also enjoy the view of Caldeirão, the crater of an extinct volcano located at Monte Grosso, the island's highest point. At the bottom of this 984-foot-deep crater there are two small lakes with small islets, which resemble a miniature of the Azorean archipelago without the islands of Flores and Corvo.

The island has a small port and airport, which can only accommodate small boats and small aircraft. A passenger and cargo boat runs from Flores once or twice a week, weather permitting.

The regional airline, SATA Air Azores, has several weekly flights to the island. Current airfare cost is 174 euros.

Long after you leave this small, attractive island, the memory of its landscape and people who call Corvo home, will most likely hold a place in your heart and memory.

*Editor's Note: If you have a question about the Azores or Terceira, e-mail [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil) or [eduardo.lima@lajes.af.mil](mailto:eduardo.lima@lajes.af.mil).*



*Caldeirão, the crater of an extinct volcano located at Monte Grosso, is the island's highest point. At the bottom of this 984-foot-deep crater there are two small lakes with small islets. (Courtesy photos)*



## Air Force Sergeants Association voice of enlisted

The Air Force Sergeants Association is a federally chartered, non-profit organization representing the professional and personal interests of more than 135,000 active duty and retired enlisted members of the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. AFSA also provides family members, former enlisted personnel and other interested parties the opportunity to join and support the association as members of AFSA or the AFSA Auxiliary.

Since its founding in 1961, AFSA has led the way on both Capitol Hill and in the Pentagon and has earned the recognition and respect of Washington's leaders for its sustained role as the "Voice of the Enlisted." The AFSA mission, at the headquarters level, is to advocate improved quality-of-life and economic fairness that will support the well-being of Air Force enlisted personnel and their families.

AFSA lobbyists continue to

inform members of Congress of the sacrifices those who wear and have worn the uniform (and their families) make on a daily basis for the protection of the American way-of-life. From fighting for full pay raises for those still wearing the uniform, to full on-time cost of living allowances for retirees, AFSA continues to lead the way to preserve and improve the quality-of-life for its members. Several other areas where AFSA has been successful the past several years include:

- Increased allowances and reduction of out-of-pocket expenses during permanent change of station moves, particularly for enlisted members.

- Approval of various health care benefit expansion demonstration projects (e.g., TRICARE Senior Prime, FEHBP-65) and achievement of an expanded pharmacy benefit and "TRICARE for Life" benefit for Medicare-eligible retirees, family members, and their survivors.

- Continued protection of military stores (commissaries and exchanges).

- Retirement protection (e.g., defeat of the "High One" retirement plan for those who entered service before 9/8/80; repeal of the "Redux" retirement plan for those who entered service after 7/31/86; protection of on-time retiree COLAs).

- Appropriation/Authorization of "Impact Aid" funding for local school districts educating the children of military families.

- Implementation of the National Mail Order Pharmacy program.

- TRICARE enhancements, including portability between regions, reduction in the catastrophic cap for both TRICARE Prime and Standard, elimination of active duty family members' co-payments for Prime, and better efficiencies in administration, reimbursement and procedure within the TRICARE system.

### AFSA Chapter 270

"The Islanders" meet the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. at the TORC. All enlisted members are eligible to join AFSA.

AFSA engages in many activities to give back to the community.

The next special event is below:

#### Pizza Party

5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for dorm residents in T-130/131.

This free pizza party is an opportunity to learn more about what AFSA does for the enlisted force and enjoy some pizza and fresh baked goodies, at the same time.

If you are interested in joining the local chapter, contact Tech. Sgt. Cat Fischer at 535-6140.

## Security Forces Squadron Police Blotter

April 26

LOCATION: Modelo/Praia

Complainant entered the SDCC to report his front USFORAZ license plate was stolen by unknown person(s). SFS directed the complainant to report the incident to Public Security Police (PSP) and to return/telephone the report number to the SDCC.

April 27

SFS member relayed to SDCC that an unknown individual was taking pictures of the flight line and base area from the look out point adjacent to T-240/AFN. He approached the individual. The individual then became uncooperative and abrupt, refusing to talk to him and stating he will not talk to an American. A Portuguese and American patrolmen were briefed and dispatched. The Portuguese patrolman contacted the individual and stated photography was unauthorized and

asked if the individual would then delete the pictures. The individual would not delete the pictures from his camera.

April 28

LOCATION: C-915/SDCC

Complainant walked into SDCC and reported her CAC/Identification card and civilian driver's license was lost/stolen. She also stated she was at an off base wedding and left her purse unattended while at the buffet. She noticed the card missing while trying to gain access to the base. She then returned home and searched her residence and vehicle with no sign of the cards. She also contacted the wedding host to see if it was found at the residence. The host stated it was unable to be located.

May 1

LOCATION: Beira Mar Housing

(domestic dispute)

Complainant entered the SDCC and stated she witnessed someone she knew vandalize her car parked in the parking lot in Beira Mar Housing by slicing the driver's side tires. She stated the individual arrived at her door and rang the door bell for five minutes. After five minutes he stopped ringing the bell. She proceeded to her son's room where she witnessed the individual through the window pull an object out of his left pocket and cut the driver's side tires. She further stated that the individual looked around, then proceeded to the back of the building on the right side. The individual entered SDCC. SFS conducted rights advisement with him in accordance with Article 31 of the UCMJ for Article 109 Damage to Non-Military Property. The individual stated that he had no contact with the complainant. He also stated he did not damage any vehicle.

## Group Fitness Class

### Monday

8:30 a.m. -- Step with Celia  
Noon -- Spin with Tina  
4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela  
5:15 p.m. -- Aero Kombat with Celia  
5:30 p.m. -- Judo Bldg. T-203  
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia

### Tuesday

6 a.m. -- Spin with Dawn  
8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia  
5:15 p.m. -- Circuit Training with Rui  
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Rui

### Wednesday

8:30 a.m. -- Step with Celia  
Noon -- Spin with Tina  
4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela  
5:15 p.m. -- Step with Manuela  
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Georgina

### Thursday

6 a.m. -- Spin with Dawn  
8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia  
5:15 p.m. -- Body Sculpting with Manuela  
5:30 p.m. -- Judo Bldg. T-203  
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Manuela

### Friday

8:30 a.m. -- Spin with Celia  
Noon -- Spin with Tina  
4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela  
5:15 p.m. -- Step with Celia  
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia

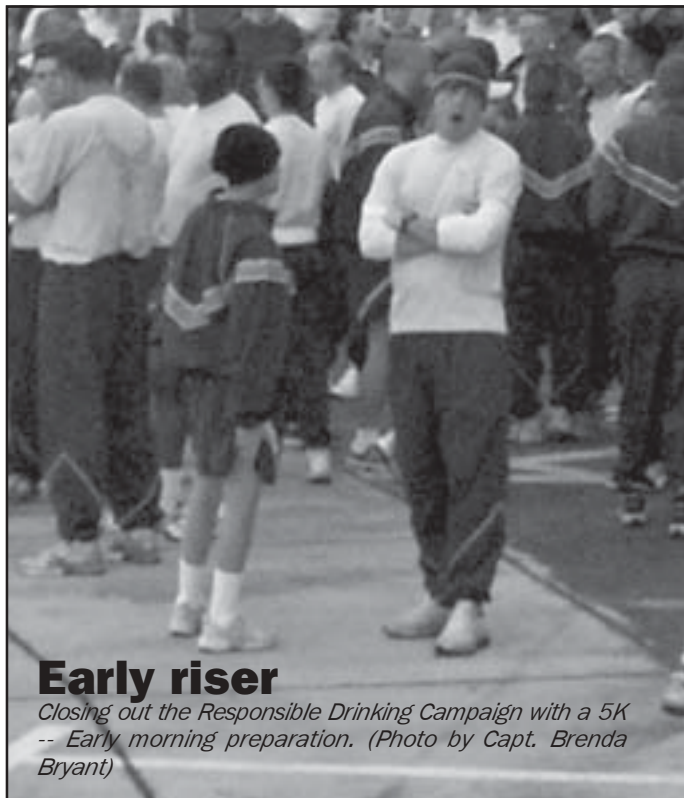
### Saturday

10 a.m. -- Spin with Celia  
11 a.m. -- Circuit Training/Stretching with Rui



## Got it

*Carol Jones (left) catches a fly ball as Donna McCallum moves in to assist during a preseason softball game between the 65th Communication Squadron and the 65th Medical Group female teams Wednesday. Both Jones and McCallum play for the 65th CS. (Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Hyland)*



## Early riser

*Closing out the Responsible Drinking Campaign with a 5K -- Early morning preparation. (Photo by Capt. Brenda Bryant)*

# Ultimate Sports Day 5 Thursday

## Schedule of Events

Wingman Wellness Day, 7:30 a.m. -- Wing formation run  
Racquetball, 9:30 a.m. -- Fitness Center  
3-on 3-Basketball, 9:30 a.m. -- AB4 Gym  
QB Challenge, 9:45 a.m. -- Ocean View Softball Field  
Paint Ball, 10 a.m. -- Youth Center Field  
Tricycle Race, 10:15 a.m. -- Parking Lot across from subway  
Volleyball, 10:30 a.m. -- AB4 Gym  
Kickball, 11 a.m. -- SFS Softball Field  
Jousting, 11:30 a.m. -- CE Compound  
Water Balloon Toss, 11:45 a.m. -- Soccer Field  
Tug of War, 1:30 p.m. -- Soccer Field  
Closing Ceremony, 3:30 p.m. -- SFS Field  
Trophy Presentation, 3:30 p.m. -- SFS Field

Team rosters are due by noon Wednesday  
For more information, call Staff Sgt. Eric Ross at 535-1290



# PLANNER



**Hours of operation**  
Ocean Front BX (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-3444

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Flight View BX** (Bldg. T-627) Phone: 535-5236

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Shoppette** (Bldg. T-323) Phone: 535-3280

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

**Military Clothing Sales Store** (Bldg. T-627)

Phone: 535-3816

Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Car Care Center** (Bldg. T-320) Phone: 535-5125

Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Furniture Store** (Bldg. T-800)

Wednesday-Friday noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Reel Time Theater** (Bldg. T-300) Phone: 535-4100

Showings Wednesday-Sunday

**Beauty Shop** (Bldg. T-400) (Walk-In Available)

Phone: 535-4124  
Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Barber Shop** (Bldg. T-

400) Phone: 535-3396

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**New Car Sales** (Bldg. T-202) Phone: 535-3173

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Friday noon to 8 p.m.

**Air Terminal Gift Shop** (Bldg. T-612)

Phone: 535-3227

**AAFES Administrative Offices** (Bldg. T-800)

Phone: 535-3209  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Ilha Rent-a-Car** (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1278

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Frank's Franks** (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123

Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.

to 6 p.m.

**Vescovi Coffee Shop** (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123

Monday-Sunday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Burger King** (Bldg. T-169) Phone: 535-3849

Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Holiday schedule:**

AAFES Ocean View BX and Flight View BX are closed on Portuguese Holidays.. The shoppette, will open from noon to 8 p.m., and Burger King and the MCSS will be open from noon to 6 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.

## Tradewinds Dining Facility Menu

**Today**

**Cinco de Mayo Lunch:** Beef enchiladas, Chicken Fajitas\* and Tacos

**Dinner:** Simmered Corn Beef,\* Pineapple Chicken and Yankee Pot Roast

**Saturday**

**Brunch:** Swedish Meatballs and Creole Fish\*

**Dinner:** Baked Fish,\* Hungarian

Goulash and BBQ Chicken

**Sunday**

**Brunch:** Oven Fried Fish\* and Cantonese Ribs

**Dinner:** Stir Fry Beef and Broccoli,\* Turkey Nuggets and Steak

**Monday**

**Lunch:** Pot Roast

Baked Stuffed Fish\*

Roast Pork Loin\*

**Dinner:** Chili Mac,\* Beef Cannelloni and Southern Fried Chicken

**Tuesday**

**Lunch:** Teriyaki Chicken,\* Veal Parmesan and Tuna and Noodle casserole

**Dinner:** Country Captain Chicken,\* Meatloaf and Turkey A La King

**Wednesday**

**Lunch:** BBQ Ham Steak,\* Turkey and Noodles and Beef Stroganoff

**Dinner:** Lemon- Herb Chicken,\* BBQ Spare-ribs and Stuffed Pork Chops

**Thursday**

**Lunch:** Oriental Meal, Beef Sukiyaki.

Szechwan Chicken\* and sweet and sour pork

**Dinner:** Roast Pork,\* Jaeger schnitzel and Glazed Cornish Hens

\*Denotes Healthy Heart item  
Menu subject to change

## At the Movies

**Today: 7 p.m. - The Shaggy Dog** starring Tim Allen, Kristin Davis

Dave learns a valuable lesson about truth and appearances when quite unexpectedly he finds himself changed into a sheepdog.

Rated PG (rude humor) 98 min.



**Saturday: 7 p.m. Aquamarine** starring Emma Roberts, Sara Paxton Following a violent storm, a beautiful and sassy mermaid named Aquamarine washes ashore and into the lives of two teenage girls. After Aquamarine falls for a local, hunky lifeguard, she enlists the girls' help to win his heart. Rated PG (language, sensuality) 109 min.

**Sunday: 2 p.m. - The Shaggy Dog;**

**Sunday: 7 p.m. - Aquamarine**

**Wednesday: 7 p.m. - The Shaggy Dog**

**Thursday: 7 p.m. - Aquamarine**

*Next week: She's the Man, Failure to Launch and V is for Vendetta.*

*Movies subject to change. For updated listings, call 535-3302. For more information on ratings, visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).*





# EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil).

## In the Community

**Bullfights:** There will be street bullfights 6:30 p.m. Saturday — Rua Padre Gregorio Rocha, Lajes and 6:30 p.m. Sunday — Altares.

## Cinco de Mayo

**Story hour:** OLA members will read to children at 3 p.m. today at the library for story hour. They will also show how to make a piñata.

**Ethnic lunch:** The dining facility will be serving Mexican food in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

**Cinco de Mayo celebration:** The OLA is sponsoring a pot luck at noon, Saturday at the community center. There will be authentic Mexican food, drinks, games, piñata, a bouncy castle and arts and crafts for children.

## Miscellaneous

**Craft/Camping Supply donations for Girl Scouts:** Are you PCSing this spring and wanting to get rid of craft or camping supplies? The Terceira Girl Scouts would love to have those items. For more information, call Heather Thompson at 295-549-568 or e-mail her at [heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil](mailto:heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil).

**Veterinarian Visit:** The U.S. Army veterinarian will be here through May 10. Call 535-3134 for an appointment.

### eXtreme summer '06:

eXtreme summer — a USAF Services program open to all Department of Defense ID card holders 8-years-old and above provides opportunities for youth, teens and adults to earn game pieces worth 50 points each for participating in great summer activities. These points are loaded onto the eXtreme summer website at [www.extremesummer.com](http://www.extremesummer.com).

## Jobs/Volunteer

**Thrift Shop Coordinator:** The thrift shop is looking for an Enlisted Spouses Club

or Officer Spouses Club member to fill the Thrift Shop Coordinator position by June 1. This is a paid position, with lots of perks. For information or to apply, call Jane at 535-3567 or 295-549-689.

**Thrift Shop Bookkeeper:** The thrift shop is looking for an Enlisted Spouses Club or Officer Spouses Club member to fill the Thrift Shop Bookkeeper position. This is a paid position. For information call Jane at 535-3567 or 295-549-689. This position needs to be filled by July 1.

**Extreme Makeover volunteers:** The Lajes Youth Program is undergoing an extreme makeover through May 24. Volunteers are needed to help build, paint, and more.

Volunteer opportunities will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Flowers at 91-896-3381 or e-mail him at [tony.flowers@lajes.af.mil](mailto:tony.flowers@lajes.af.mil).

## Education

**Spring multi-institutional commencement ceremonies:** The Education Center will host a ceremony 2 p.m. May 24 in the TORC ballroom for all graduates of the Community College of the Air Force, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Oklahoma, and University of Maryland University College. Graduates are encouraged to invite family, friends and co-workers to celebrate this important accomplishment. For more information, call Maria Tristao-Rocha at 535-5291 or e-mail [maria.tristao-rocha@lajes.af.mil](mailto:maria.tristao-rocha@lajes.af.mil).

**Central Texas College:** Central Texas College is offering *Terrorism: Groups, Strategies and Responses* in term 5. This is an elective for the CCAF program and technical credit for Security Forces personnel for their CCAF. This course provides a foundation toward understanding and responding to the threat of terrorism. Topics include: major terrorist or-

ganizations operating throughout the world today; tactics terrorists utilize to terrorize the target population; police and governmental responses to the incidence of terrorism; and defending against the various munitions utilized by the terrorists. Class will be offered Monday and Thursday mornings, 9-12 at the education center. Registration for this class begins March 15 for current students, and May 22 for all students. Class will run from 5 June – 27 July. Call 535-6722 for more information.

For additional information, contact 535-6722.

**Oklahoma University classes:** The Masters of Human Relations degree program with University of Oklahoma is a 36-credit hour, non-thesis degree that can be completed within 16-24 months.

The summer course being offered is "Grant Writing and Development" an elective course toward the MHR degree. The course dates are June 20-25. The last day to add or drop is May 22.

For more information call 535-3171

## Chapel

**Canned Food Drive at Mass:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the chapel; **Protestant Women of the Chapel** fellowship time: 7 p.m. Monday at the chapel; **Catholic Women of the Chapel** Mass and dinner: 6 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel; **AWANA Awards Ceremony:** 6 p.m. May 16 at the chapel; **Catholic Men of the Chapel** Mass and Dinner: 6 p.m. May 17 at the chapel; **New Creation Café:** 7 p.m. May 19 at Ed-dies Place; **Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast:** 8 a.m. May 20 at the chapel; **Protestant Volunteer Appreciation Banquet:** 5 p.m. May 20 at the TORC; **Mass followed by Catholic Annual Parish Picnic:** 11 a.m. May 17 at the TTU; **Little Flowers Girls' Club:** 3 p.m. May 22 at T-1415B; **SUM Dinner** hosted by the 65th Communications

**Squadron:** 5:30 p.m. May 25 at the chapel; **Children and Youth Movie Night:** 6 p.m. May 26 at the chapel; and **Gospel Extravaganza II:** 7 p.m. May 27 at the chapel. Call 535-6844 for more information.

For more information on chapel events, call 535-4211.

## DoDDS

**School registration:** Registration for the Lajes American School for 2006 – 2007 is happening now. Children who will be in grades Pre-K through 12 need to be registered as soon as possible in Bldg. T-234 the Administrative Office. For more information, call Cidalia Dias at 535-4151.

## Classified Ads

E-mail ads to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

Wanted to buy: Used twin size mattress. Call 295-516-031.

For sale: Lock-Rite locker for Jeep Wrangler - \$100; Swimming pool - 8 x 12 feet (never used) - \$50; mens and womens mountain bike, 1.5 years old, hardly ridden, kept in doors - \$75 each; 1 girls bike - \$15; Call Marty or Jen at 295-549-552

For sale: two light gray bound carpets: 9 x 15 and 13 x 13, \$25 each. Contact 295-549-512.

For sale: 1993 Golf CL - Great Island car and has been the source of many hours of driving and touring fun around the island. 146,000 kms (Approx 91k miles), Inspection until Feb 07, base pass until Mar 07, new tires (approx 250 miles), new catalytic converter, new brakes, new windshield. Recent tune up. Kenwood Deck with many extras. Asking \$1500. Serious inquiries only. Call 918-516-829 to schedule a test drive.

For sale: 1992 Toyota Tercel, Car runs great! Only minor rust and no major problems. Car will be available sometime between May - July as I will be getting short notice orders. Will sell for \$1200. Call 295-549-601 for more info.

For sale: 1995 Renault Clio, 4 door, 1.2 liter, 5 speed, power windows, AM/FM cassette, low mileage, new tires, new rear brakes. No rust! Reliable! This is not an island bomb. Call Andy at 964-297-606 or home at 295-549-741. \$3500.

Wanted: Bagpipe player with pipes available to participate in wing events in May and June. Contact Liam Clancy at 535-2325, or Jared Bickham at 535-5233.

For sale: 1999 opal corsa, great condition. Has power windows, power locks, seats 5 people, has 2 doors with Portuguese plates. Inspection is good until June 07. Call 968-421-312.

Sponsoring someone? Need an island going away gift? Want to do Christmas shopping early? Get your 2007 Terceira Island Calendars for \$16/each. Call Sandy @ 295-549-188 or e-mail [zellfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:zellfamily@yahoo.com)

Looking for a great housekeeper? I have the best. Odilia Costa is reliable, honest, friendly, English speaking and does an excellent job. She has been cleaning houses for Air Force families for 15 years. My family is PCSing in June and I give her the highest recommendation. Please call Odilia at 295-579-041. Questions? Call Carolyn Childers at 295-549-271.